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SUBJ: STRATEGY FOR THE KOREAN PROBLEM

1. SUMMARY: ROK PERMREP MOON ASKED POLCOUNS TO LUNCH APRIL 22 TO DISCUSS THE PRESENT STATUS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS OF THE KOREAN PROBLEM IN THE UN. HE PROPOSED HOLDING FIRST RESUMED MEETING OF CORE GROUP APRIL 29, OR EARLY MAY IF THAT PROVED INCONVENIENT. HE AGREED THAT IT SHOULD BE A ROUTINE MEETING AT SENIOR WORKING LEVEL IN NEW YORK. HE SAID CORE GROUP AGENDA SHOULD DEAL WITH EXCHANGES OF VIEW CONCERNING PRESENT SITUATION IN LIGHT OF NEW DELHI, ESTIMATES OF NORTH KOREAN STRATEGY THIS YEAR AND OUR POSITION FOR COPING WITH IT. HE WOULD SEE THIS MEETING AS FIRST IN SERIES DESIGNED TO COORDINATE ALLIED STRATEGY IN 1977. HE SPOKE OF GENERAL NEED TO CANVASS ALL POSSIBLE IDEAS FOR NEW INITIATIVES THAT MIGHT RETAIN THE OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE OTHER SIDE. END SUMMARY.

2. ROK PERMREP MOON APPEARED TO WANT TO INITIATE RENEWED CLOSE CONSULTATIVE RELATIONS WITH USUN, AND INQUIRED CAREFULLY ABOUT DIVISION OF LABOR IN NEW USUN LEADERSHIP TEAM WITH REGARD TO KOREA. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE ROK MISSION WOULD BE LAUNCHING MORE DETAILED WORK WITH USUN,
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NOW THAT THE 1977 "KOREAN SEASON" IS STARTED.

3. MOON SAID HE WOULD PREFER TO HOLD THE FIRST RESUMED SESSION OF THE NEW YORK CORE GROUP ON APRIL 29, PINCIPALLY BECAUSE COMMENCEMENT EARLIER RATHER THAN IN MAY WOULD CARRY THE PROPER ALERT SIGNALS TO ANY WHO BECAME AWARE OF THE RESUMPTION OF THE GROUP'S COORDINATED WORK. IF APRIL

PROVED INCONVENIENT, HOWEVER, HE HOPED TO HOLD THE MEETING IN ANY EVENT IN THE FIRST WEEK OF MAY. POLCOUNS RESPONDED THAT WE WOULD HAVE PROBLEM IN PRINCIPLE WITH AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF THE WORK, BUT HE WOULD HAVE TO PROVIDE A MORE PRECISE RESPONSE AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

4. MOON AGREED THAT THE FIRST MEETING SHOULD BE AT THE WORKING LEVEL, AS IT WAS WHEN WE CEASED REGULAR MEETINGS LAST YEAR. HE ALSO SAID HE AGREED THAT TOO SENIOR A GATHERING, OR OSTENTATIOUS DIPLOMATIC PUBLICITY ABOUT RESUMPTION OF THE ACTIVITY MIGHT GENERATE UNUSEFUL TALK IN THE COMMUNITY AND NORTH KOREAN HOPES FOR ANOTHER SET-TO THIS YEAR.

5. THE ROK, BASED ON THEIR READING OF NEW DELHI RESULTS AND RECENT NORTH KOREAN PROPAGANDA EFFORTS IN THE US AND ELSEWHERE, BELIEVE THAT THE NORTH KOREANS PLAN TO MAKE A SERIOUS EFFORT TO GATHER SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF THE KOREAN DEBATE IN THE GA THIS FALL. THEY ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE NORTH KOREANS WILL PRESENT AN AWKWARDLY "SOFT" APPROACH FOR US TO WORK AGAINST. OUR WORK IN THE CORE GROUP AND BILATERALLY DURING THE COMING MONTHS, THEREFORE, SHOULD BE DIRECTED AT DEVISING ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS WHICH MIGHT ANTICIPATE AND COUNTER SUCH AN APPROACH BY THE NORTHERNERS. HE SPOKE OF ANOTHER ATTEMPT AT DUAL ADMISSION TO THE UN AS A PLOY THAT MIGHT BE USEFUL EVEN IF NOT PRESSED TO IMPLEMENTATION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL. HE ALSO SUGGESTED WE SHOULD CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF PROPOSING A SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON THE KOREAN PROBLEM, TIED TO CONFIDENTIAL

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THE UN COMMAND, THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS OR OTHER DEVELOPMENT. HE EMPHASIZED THAT HE WAS SPEAKING WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS OR AUTHORIZATION ON THE BASIS OF HIS MISSION'S SKULL SESSIONS LOCALLY.
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